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ELEMENT

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action of June 7, 2004, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on September 7, 2004, and which has been extended by the enclosed One-Month Extension of Time to expire on October 7, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejection set forth in the above-mentioned Official Action in view of the herein contained remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.